

II. TEMPE DEMOGRAPHICS

The first part of this inventory relates to "Who We Are" in Tempe - information from the Census and other sources about our population.

2000 CENSUS HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Tempe grew to a population of 158,625, an 11.75 % increase over 1990 (*lowest growth among Maricopa County cities*).
- ✓ Tempe is one of the more densely populated places in Arizona, with over 3,900 persons per square mile.
- ✓ Tempe's minority populations increased significantly since 1990.
- ✓ Tempe's youth population decreased slightly in numbers since 1990.
- ✓ Tempe's aging population (60+) increased to over 17,000 in 2000.

A. Tempe Population By AGE

The two charts below compare the Tempe population to Maricopa County as a whole from the 1995 Census (left) and the 2000 Census (right).

How Tempe compares to the county as a whole in 2000: Tempe is similar to the county population except it has a proportionately smaller group of age 0-17 (21% vs. 27%) and a larger group of ages 20 - 24 (15% vs. 7%). The proportion of Tempe's aging population is 6 percentage points smaller than the County's - 10% vs. 16%.

What changed the most since 1995: The primary difference in Tempe between 1995 and 2000 was the shrinking of the middle group, age 25 to 54, which decreased from 55% to 45% and the increase of the age 20 to 24 group, from 11% to 15% of the total Tempe population.

